



WORLD TB DAY

World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is commemorated across the globe to bring awareness about the effects of TB. Public health agencies worldwide observe this day with events such as public forums, awareness walks, social media posts, and symposiums to educate and inform the public about the threat of TB.



World TB Day is an annual event that honors the discovery of tuberculosis (TB) by Dr. Robert Koch on March 24, 1882.

UNITE TO END TB

SC DHEC is encouraging you to join our awareness campaign with other providers and agencies throughout the state that address diabetes, HIV/AIDS, cancer, kidney disease, psycho social issues, substance abuse, and other illnesses that increase the risk of developing active TB disease.

Support this initiative by wearing red and distributing TB health education materials, available by contacting DHEC TB Control Health Educator.



COMORBID CONDITIONS

TB infected individuals may struggle with diabetes, HIV/AIDS, cancer, kidney disease, psycho social issues, substance abuse, and other illnesses. It is important that individuals with comorbid conditions receive comprehensive care that requires coordinated care plans and case management.

FACTS ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS



1 out of 3 people in the world are infected with TB



TB affects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body



There were 1.8 million TB-related deaths worldwide.

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TB is a leading killer of people who are HIV infected.

KNOW THE SIGNS

Coughing that last 3 or more weeks

Coughing up blood

Chest pain

Weight loss

Fatigue

Fever

Night sweats

Chills

Loss of appetite



LTBI & ACTIVE TB

Persons with latent TB infection **do not** feel sick, **do not** show symptoms, and cannot spread **TB** to others. Persons with latent TB **can** be treated to prevent active TB disease.

If the TB germ becomes active, infected persons can develop active TB disease. Persons with **TB disease** show symptoms and can **spread TB disease** to others.

THINK TB.

TB is **CURABLE** and **PREVENTABLE**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION